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JUSTICE FOR OIO

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR UPDATED GUIDANCE ON ABDELRAZIK

REF: A. OTTAWA 423
[1](#)B. OTTAWA 313
[1](#)C. 08 STATE 49579
[1](#)D. 08 OTTAWA 0616

Classified By: PolMinCouns Scott Bellard, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request -- see para 3.

[1](#)2. (S) According to Privy Council Office Director of Operations Matthew Levin, the government would have to file an appeal to the Federal Court by June 19 should it decide to contest the court's order to repatriate Abousfian Abdelrazik from Sudan within thirty days (ref a). Levin indicated that the policy recommendation from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade had been to abide by the court order and to arrange for Abdelrazik's return in time for the required July 7 appearance in court, but he predicted that the ultimate political decision by the Prime Minister's Office would be to file the appeal, as the government had done with a similar court order to seek the repatriation of Canadian detainee in Guantanamo Bay Omar Khadr (ref b). PolMinCouns reiterated substance of 2008 guidance on Canadian actions in this case (ref c) and promised to ask for an update, just in case the decision is in favor of his repatriation.

[1](#)3. (C) Action request -- please provide updated guidance NLT June 18 or confirm that USG policy remains as outlined in ref c.

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